

## Episode 3 - A Tribe Divided



### No More Drama

**Jalapao** returns from Tribal Council, excited to have Sierra gone from the tribe: "Tonight at Tribal Council, we voted off *Sierra*, "**Sandy** narrates. "You know, she thought that she could tell the *women* how to play the game and who to vote at Tribal Council. You know, it's like, 'Who do you think you *are*?!' Cause, *I* know how to play *Survivor*." "She was just too *negative*; she was calling people out," Debbie says to justify the decision. Recapping the events of the night, **Joe** explains "There were a lot of fingers being pointed by Sierra; uh, *some* of them at me and J.T., and Debbie got defensive about it. There was definitely some conflict, but uh, I think with the six of us left, we're gonna be a new tribe now."

### Suffering The Storm

Later that night, a violent storm rocks the **Timbira** tribe's camp as the skies open up and send down a torrent of cold rain. Thunder rumbles close by and lightning flashes. "Survivor is definitely a game of extremes," observes **Stephen** in his confessional. "You know, you have high highs and low lows and the weather is very much the same. During the day, it's hot, it's *dry*. At night, it's completely the *opposite*, and it rains, without fail, it seems like every *night*." Huddled together in their shelter, the tribe bemoans their fate as the steady downpour leaks through their roof of palm fronds. An uncomfortable Candace simply rolls over, unable to fall asleep. "Anytime you're wet out here, it's *horrible*, and especially at night because you can't dry off," **Stephen** goes on to explain. "This is the worst night of our lives."

### Enough Is Enough?

The shivering **Timbira** members awake after a long, miserable night and huddle around their dwindling fire, unable to get warm or dry: "We were completely soaked all night from head to toe. Our feet and hands are swollen. It's really *miserable*," **Stephen** tells the camera. One tribe member, **Candace**, is especially devastated by the freezing cold rain and sleepless night: "It's Day 7, and the storm we had last night definitely hit me hard. I mean, I didn't sleep at all. Maybe like five *minutes*," she complains. "I keep telling myself 'You're strong enough to be here' and 'You can do this,' but I'm just not *feelin'* it right now." Having an emotional reaction to the difficulty of the situation, Candace declares "I'm'a tell you right now, I might just decide to *walk* if we don't win this Reward Challenge." She tells her tribe that she doesn't "need this game" and there's nothing she would gain by staying in it for another 32 days.

Dismayed to learn of Candace's shocking revelation, her tribemates try to convince her to *stay*. Tyson hugs her to warm her up and promises her that they're going to "kick **Jalapao**'s ass again and win us some blankets." But Tyson is also worried about losing an ally: "Definitely, uh, Candace not feeling 100% right now is a concern because having an alliance with her and *Coach* does factor into my plans," **Tyson** explains. "You know, if *Erinn* wanted to quit, or Carolina, it wouldn't *bother* me, but I'm not gonna let Candace leave me high and dry here, so she needs to suck it up and get her head back into the game, pretty much." Keeping his true

feelings to his confessional, Tyson uses his sense of humor to cheer Candace up and offers her his clothes to keep warm at night.

Watching from the shelter as Tyson comforts Candace, Carolina and Erinn can barely contain their disdain and neither one of them plans to try to change Candace's mind: "It would be a lie if I said I wanted Candace to stay," **Carolina** reveals. "It's like, here she *wants* to go home and I'm busting my ass to stay and I'm *still* gonna get voted off if we lose. If Candace decides to quit, I mean, that's three more days I get to play the game, so I'm not gonna be stupid."

### **The Fifth Wheel**

At **Jalapao**, Debbie and J.T. make the trek to retrieve treemail. Recognizing the need to have a strong alliance of five before the merge, J.T. officially offers the fifth position to Debbie, who he has felt a close bond with from the beginning: "I trust Deb *completely*," a contemplative **J.T.** says, "And once Sandy's gone, it'll be me, Joe, and *Debbie* with the majority over Spencer and Sydney." "I really, truly *love* everybody on this tribe," **Debbie** admits, "But the reality is this is a game and you have to position yourself as close to the top of the tribe, so I'm gonna stick by J.T. and his alliance until something better comes along."

Arriving back at camp with his new ally secured, J.T. reads the treemail note, which hints at a reward of blankets, pillows, and other comfort items. "Right now we're not feeling the discomfort aspect as much as the lack of food, but we'll pretty much take anything," **Spencer** states. "You know, it could be a bag of *dirt*. We just want to win *one* challenge against **Timbira** and then we'll be good to go."

### **Reward Challenge - Blind Leading The Blind**

The tribes meet again for their Reward Challenge, where Jeff Probst explains the rules. Five members of each tribe will be blindfolded and tied together either in a pair or a group of three. The remaining tribe member will stand on a pedestal overlooking the course and will verbally guide them through a maze. The five blindfolded players will locate a bucket; make their way to a water tower where they must fill their bucket and then race back to the start. At the start, they must empty the water into a container, which will raise a flag. They will then repeat the process, this time collecting corn from another tower. The first tribe to fill both containers raising both flags wins pillows, blankets, a large umbrella, tarp, a hammock and chairs. Since **Timbira** has two extra members, they sit out Carolina and Taj.

The caller for **Jalapao** is Joe and, for **Timbira**, the caller is **Jerry**, who explains that it was a natural role for him because he's used to giving out orders in the military: "I *know* how to give orders," he laughs. "I'm used to havin' everybody listening to *me*." Jeff yells "Go!" and the blindfolded Survivors are off through the maze. Straining his voice, Joe shouts as loud as he can, but has trouble keeping track of both groups of tribe members. Jerry, on the other hand, relies on his military experience and has much better luck in guiding his blindfolded tribe members successfully through the maze. **Timbira** quickly takes the lead when all tribe members find their buckets and stumble to the water tower, while **Jalapao**'s tribe members wander around aimlessly with little guidance. Sydney and Spencer simply stop in place and wait for Joe's directions instead of continuing to wander off-course. As **Jalapao** lags behind, **Timbira** demonstrates great team work as they

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fill their buckets with water and begin pouring it into the container. “**Jalapao** falling way behind!” Jeff Probst exclaims. The **Timbira** tribe fills up their container with enough water, which raises their flag. They make their way to the corn tower and begin filling up their buckets, as Jerry’s voice guides them. The scattered **Jalapao** tribe finally begins to fill up their container with water, but **Timbira** fills up their container with corn and raises their flag, winning the challenge and much-needed comfort items.

## Here To Stay

**Timbira** returns to camp after their victory at the Reward Challenge. **Jerry** recaps the comfort items won, while **Candace** describes the feelings of joy over winning another challenge: “Oh, the reward was *magnificent*,” she glows. “I’m very excited about the *tarp* and the umbrella because now we don’t have to worry about the rain waking us up at night, so I think it really helped, you know, boost *morale*.” With a rejuvenated attitude, she announces to her tribe that she definitely wants to stay: “I want to apologize for before. You know, I was just down and I needed to have my *moment*, but I’m cool now.” Taj says that they’re all going to have bad days and this was just her time. “This is a *mental* game,” **Candace** later tells the camera. “And I might have, like, a moment of weakness, but one thing with me is I keep it *real*, so I may *talk* about wanting to go home in one instant, but I know that when that moment is *over*, I’m gonna bounce back even stronger...and *continue* to kick *butt*.”

Away from the rest of the tribe at the water, Candace defends her comment about quitting the game to Coach. “Candace’s talk about quitting earlier today, it’s *preposterous*,” **Coach** fumes in his confessional. “You can’t do that, and for her to even bring that up to begin with, #1, I don’t like that from somebody who’s in my *alliance*, and #2, I guess she’s not as strong as I thought she was.” Trying to protect his closest ally, Tyson tells Coach that Candace was just speaking out of frustration and wasn’t seriously considering quitting. “I don’t care if she *thought* about quitting,” **Coach** rants, “But don’t come and tell *me* that or I’m gonna get pissed *off*.”

## Another Loss

Over at the **Jalapao** camp, the mood is very down. Feeling partly responsible, Joe announces “I’ll take that [loss] onto my shoulders.” “After going through all that, we still come home to nothing but more rice and beans,” a somber **Spencer** says to his tribe. Later, he describes his feelings about losing another challenge: “I was *extremely* disappointed **Jalapao** didn’t win, not even because of the Reward but just because we haven’t won anything. It’s definitely concerning, but you know, I’ve seen it on *Survivor* before where momentum can shift like that, so we’re not a defeated tribe just yet. *Hungry*? Yes, but not defeated.” Desperate and depleted, the tribe prepares to cook rice and sits down around the fire to eat. “I’ve always been skinny for my profession, but I’ve never been this skinny,” Sydney laughs, as she eats another scoopful of rice. Trying to make themselves feel better, the tribe jokes about how good the rice tastes. “I’m definitely starting to lose some weight out here and I think *everybody* has, not just me,” **Sydney** observes. “We definitely need to find another food source. I mean, it’s not that we’re not *trying*; I don’t know what it is.”

Looking for a place to go to the bathroom, **Sandy** wanders into the bushes near camp and stumbles across a patch of ripe berries and pineapples. "Oh my *God!*" she exclaims. "That's a *pineapple!*" Screaming at the top of her lungs for her tribemates, she and the rest of **Jalapao** rejoices at the sight of fresh fruit. "I'll take that over rice and beans *any* day," Spencer says, as Sydney and Debbie congratulate Sandy on her discovery. "Sandy, the most unlikely person maybe that you'd think'd find anything, just found pineapples and, I don't know what it is, some kind of berries," **Joe** tells the camera. "It's a great *discovery*, but uh, strategically, my game plan's not gonna change. She's still next if **Jalapao** has to go back to Tribal Council. Now that we know where the food is, we don't need *her*."

## A Common Bond

Back at **Timbira**, the analytical **Stephen** assesses his position within the tribe: "Being a member of the **Timbira** tribe is really *interesting*," he explains. "I haven't been a strong performer in any of the challenges, so I'm definitely worried about how I'm viewed by the other members. To make matters worse, I don't really see myself having a lot in common with the other men, um, Coach, Tyson, and Jerry, and I don't relate to Candace and Taj, so the key for me right now is Carolina and Erinn. I figure if I can at least form some sort of an alliance with Carolina and Erinn, then, okay, we at least have three and then I only need to find *two* more people rather than four."

Stephen furtively meets with Carolina and Erinn in the jungle and the women eagerly listen to Stephen's plan, as he proposes an alliance and names Coach as their first target. "I am all *for* that," Erinn exclaims. "I am looking *forward* to writing Coach's name down," **Carolina** tells the camera. "I'm just *trying* to bite my tongue around him and not snap back, for *me*, it's just like, it's personal. Like, he pegged me as the first one gone on Day One. I want to prove him wrong and have *him* be the first one voted off." Carolina continues to discuss the plan to vote out Coach with her allies. "So here's our problem," Stephen adds. "The only people we can *possibly* get are Jerry and Taj because we know the other three are not gonna budge. Obviously our #1 goal is to win Immunity, but if we do lose, we have to be *on* them before Coach or Tyson." "Stephen's really, really *smart*," **Erinn** says in her confessional. "I mean, the guy graduated from *Yale*, so I definitely feel like he's somebody who could be a good *ally* in this game. Right now, if everything works out, then Coach is *gone*."

## Ready To Win

Treemail arrives at **Jalapao**, and an excited Sandy reads the note to her tribe. Feeling the pressure to win, the six tribe members put their hands together and vow to work as one. "We just found out we have an Immunity Challenge coming up, and you know, whatever it is, uh, we are going to rip **Timbira** apart and *destroy* them," says an anxious **Joe**. "They won the first three. This is our time now."

## Immunity Challenge - Crate Idea

The tribes assemble for the Immunity Challenge, where Jeff Probst explains that two members of each tribe will race to roll a large tribe-colored crate back to their mat. Once all six crates have been gathered, the tribe will stack them to build a staircase that spells out their tribe name. The first tribe to correctly stack the

crates and get all of their tribe members to the top of the tower wins Immunity. Because **Timbira** has two extra members, they decide to sit out Stephen and Erinn.

The first pair of crate-rollers up for **Jalapao** are J.T. and Sandy and, for **Timbira**, Coach and Candace. Both tribes bolt down the course to collect their giant crates, and race back to the start. The crates prove to be too heavy for Carolina, who struggles to help Tyson roll the crate and costs her tribe valuable time. Both Joe and Sydney and Spencer and Debbie quickly roll crates back for **Jalapao**, while Taj's physical strength helps **Timbira** make up some ground. Both tribes finally collect all of their crates and begin assembling their staircase. Erinn and Stephen watch horrified from the sidelines, as they quickly figure out the puzzle and the rest of their tribe has a hard time putting it together. Meanwhile, Debbie and Spencer lead **Jalapao** as the tribes attempt to spell out their tribe name by arranging the crates correctly. Coach and Carolina, both desperate to win the challenge, begin barking out orders and causing further disorganization among the tribe. This slows **Timbira** down as **Jalapao** increases their lead. With victory in sight, the six **Jalapao** members push their final crate into place and race to the top of their platform, winning immunity and sending **Timbira** to their first Tribal Council.

Coach angrily throws his buff onto the ground, while Carolina also makes her frustrations known. For the first time, Jeff hands the Immunity Idol to a member of **Jalapao**. "I've been waiting so long for this thing," laughs Survivor fan Spencer, as he joyfully holds it above his head and his tribemates reach up to touch it. "Finally we won Immunity," **Debbie** tells the camera, "So **Timbira** is gonna go to Tribal Council, and I hope that them being down to seven will give **Jalapao** a chance to get back in this game."

### Playing All Sides

The members of **Timbira** have their first experience with defeat as they return to camp with their heads hung low. A disappointed **Jerry** explains his thoughts on the loss: "Walking back from the challenge after the loss today was definitely a big disappointment. When we got back to the camp, everybody had their heads down, but that was just one challenge we lost. We have many, many more to come, so just as long as we make the team stronger with tonight's elimination, I think we'll be right back in it." Discussing what went wrong, Tyson says "We made a mistake. We shouldn't have sat out two of our best *puzzlers*, but oh well..."

Not wanting to waste any time, **Stephen** immediately approaches Jerry and Taj and suggests voting out Coach due to his bossy and condescending nature at camp. "Right now, I think there's an alliance between Coach, Candace, and Tyson," Stephen tells them. "We absolutely run the risk of letting them have all the control in the tribe if we don't vote *Coach* out tonight." **Taj** admits that she thought about voting for Coach but isn't sure about eliminating one of the tribe's stronger members so early: "There's also *Carolina*," she tells the camera. "You know, Carolina's an annoyance; she's *not* that strong in the challenges, so I mean, I don't know about everybody else; *I'm* undecided."

Meanwhile, Coach, Tyson, and Candace carry through on their long-time plan and make a play to oust Carolina in hopes of a more peaceful camp life. They also go to Taj and Jerry and suggest an alliance of five that will get them to the merge. This puts Jerry and Taj in the position of the swing voters. Unsure which alliance to

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commit to, Taj confesses that Stephen just talked to her and Jerry and targeted Coach. "I can't imagine why Stephen would try to go after Coach unless he's in an alliance with Erinn and Carolina," **Tyson** hypothesizes. "You know, I think if he wants to stay in the game, he should hop on board with everybody else and vote *Carolina*. At least it's not *him* going..."

Attempting to get a feel for Stephen's position in the game, Tyson joins him on a trip to the tribe's water well and gently touches the subject of the vote. "It's gotta be Carolina, you know?" Tyson offers, but Stephen counters that the tribe will be able to work better together without Coach barking orders and that Carolina isn't a threat in the long run. Realizing that Stephen is right and that he could be a more formidable opponent than Carolina, **Tyson** re-analyzes his options for the upcoming vote: "I think probably my smartest move right now would actually be voting out Stephen because Carolina's not a big threat in this game. I mean, I think Carolina's pretty stupid and she can be voted off at any time and Erinn's like her dumb *sidekick*. Um, between the two of them, I don't think they have half as much up here <he points to his brain> as Stephen. They're kindof like the *opposite* of genius."

Explaining his new plan to Candace, Tyson's closest ally readily agrees that voting out Stephen would be a better move. "If we can get Stephen out this round, the game is all in our *hands*," Tyson says. The pair meets with Coach at the river to explain why they're redirecting the vote from Carolina to Stephen. "I mean, I hear what you guys are *saying*," Coach tells them, "But I hate the fact that Carolina's gonna get to stay cause, in *my* opinion, she needs to go. She needs to be the first one *out* of here." Frustrated by the last-minute switch to Stephen, **Coach** shares his feelings in his confessional: "I was absolutely *angered* when Tyson came up to me and said 'The plan's changed. It's gonna be Stephen', and as much as I like Tyson and want to be in an *alliance* with him, you know, my values and my integrity won't let me go along with it. You don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything, and right now I'm all about Carolina going home." Unwilling to give in to Tyson, Coach continues to push his point of view: "[Carolina]'s *devious*," he insists. "She may not be the one who's putting my name out there, but she's working it behind the scenes. You know, she's *trouble* and she's always *been* trouble from Day One." Tyson pretends to consider Coach's alternative, as Coach launches into a lengthy speech. "I mean, you guys vote for whoever you want. I'm voting *Carolina*, and then we'll talk after that," Coach says. An uninterested Tyson replies, "I don't know, dude."

Working his manipulative magic, Tyson then reconvenes with Taj and Jerry and explains that he's "thinking of getting rid of Stephen." Confused, Taj asks how that happened and Tyson tells her that Stephen is gunning for Coach instead of going along with the original plan to vote out Carolina. "I think that he's gonna divide us, and uh, he could be more *dangerous*," Tyson suggests. "He's kindof not that strong *anyway*." Tyson and Candace assure Jerry and Taj that with their four votes against Stephen, they'll be protected by a new alliance. Recapping the situation, **Tyson** tells the camera, "Coach is gonna vote Carolina, but uh, I'm pretty confident I can still arrange the votes to get the outcome I want with Taj and Jerry, so I'd still like to get rid of Stephen and the most *awesomest* part is that, right up until Tribal Council tonight, uh, Carolina still thinks that it's gonna be *her*." "I think that's pretty funny," he smugly proclaims.

Feeling defeated, **Carolina** makes one final plea to Jerry and Taj to vote out the bossy and arrogant Coach. Watching their tribemates closely, Jerry and Taj try to determine where to place their loyalties: "I feel kindof like I'm caught in between the middle of a tug-of-war, I guess you'd say," **Jerry** laughs. "There's three people I might choose to vote off, and I don't know who's gonna *get* my vote: Carolina because she's disruptive. She's sneaky. You know, she's startin' to get on a lot of people's *nerves*; Coach is definitely a character, but uh, having him around keeps the role of leader off of *me*; and Stephen is smart. He's a smart, uh, *game* player. You know, he could probably run circles around everybody here, so I definitely see him as being a *big* threat to me winning that million dollars." Seemingly, with no final decisions made, the tribe heads to Tribal Council.

### **Tribal Council #3 - Timbira Tribe**

At Tribal Council, Jeff asks **Coach** his reaction to losing the challenge: "Well, first of all, I'm pissed *off* right now," he begins. "I hate losing with a passion, and I don't care about Tribal Council. I've just got a sick feeling in my stomach that won't go away until we can have some type of redemption." "We are a stronger *tribe*," he says. "Losing is unacceptable, and I'm gonna do everything in my power to make sure that we win from now on." Trying to throw the heat onto Candace, **Carolina** brings up Candace's talk of quitting the game, causing **Candace** to jump in to the discussion to defend herself: "I thought about quitting for, like, two *hours* maybe, tops, but I'm not a quitter. I wouldn't have actually *walked* no matter what happened, so I'm definitely giving my all, you know, for this *tribe*." Annoyed by Candace's backpedaling, Carolina rolls her eyes and shakes her head. "Carolina, what are you reacting to?" Jeff asks her. "It's just *hilarious* to me how she, like, *wants* to give up and I'm fighting my hardest to stay and I'm probably going home because Coach thinks he's, like, *running* things and he doesn't *like* me," **Carolina** responds. "It just *sucks*! I'm pissed *off*..." After continuing the discussion about Coach's leadership, **Carolina** makes it quite clear that she does not like Coach at all, as does **Erinn**, who has grown tired of his condescending attitude. Jeff then asks Candace if she can understand why Carolina might have some resentment towards her: "I can understand why Carolina might have a little bit of resentment," **Candace** says, "But it's like, all I can do is *show*, you know, with my actions and my performance in the challenges that I want to be here just as much as everyone else."

The subject of discussion then shifts to the impending vote. **Stephen** says that even though he's felt he was on the outside of the tribe, he feels comfortable tonight and knows where the vote is going. "Well, obviously it's Carolina," **Coach** matter-of-factly states in response to Jeff's next question. "You know, my mind's been made up since Day One and nothing's happened in eight days - seven or eight days - whatever it was, uh, to *change* it, so there's no other choice." Taj doesn't share the same sentiments about the ease of the vote: "I've been wracking my brain all frickin' *day*," **Taj** laughs, "And I mean, I still don't know. I'm not gonna know until I put that pen to the paper, so I'm ready to go." Expecting Taj to vote out Coach, Carolina is perplexed by this statement. Finally, Jeff asks **Tyson** if the outcome of the vote is going to surprise anyone: "If you don't know what's going on in the tribe, then yeah, it'll be a *surprise*, and if you know what's going on, then, uh, it *won't* be." With this, the eight **Timbira** tribe members cast their votes.

Jeff then tallies the votes, and reveals them one at a time to the castaways:

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STEPHEN.

Stephen is surprised to see his name come up, but not too worried.

CAROLINA.

COACH.

COACH.

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STEPHEN.

The shock is apparent on Stephen's, Carolina's, and Erinn's faces. They all expected that Carolina would be the one to go.

STEPHEN.

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In the end, Stephen Fishbach, the 29 year-old corporate consultant from New York City, receives only four of his tribemates' votes but becomes the third person voted out of **Survivor: Tocantins - The Brazilian Highlands**. Erinn and Carolina are relieved to be safe, while Coach's expression shows that he's not at all pleased with the vote.

## **Stephen's Final Words**



Shocked to be voted out of the game so early, Stephen leaves behind his final words: “Well, that was a lovely blindside. You know, I thought I sensed that maybe I couldn’t trust Tyson but I thought that they were all gonna vote for Carolina and I would be safe at least a couple more nights. I think my openly targeting Coach definitely caught up with me whereas Carolina was targeting him a little more in the background, so that’s one thing I obviously regret. Overall, I’m shocked but it was such an amazing experience. And I do appreciate getting a couple votes that *weren’t* against me. I’m glad it wasn’t unanimous.”

#### Episode 4 - “They Gonna Hear Me In Argentina”


After Coach’s lone vote against Carolina, Tyson questions his ability to control Coach and begins to look at other options.

Tempers flare between Carolina and Taj when Taj’s integrity is thrown into question in front of her tribemates.

A surprise tribal swap shakes up the game, splitting friendships and alliances and leaving one castaway with thoughts of throwing a challenge to protect an ally.

One vulnerable castaway sells out their original tribemates’ alliances in order to establish relations with their new tribe. Will this plan work?

#### Episode 3 Voting History:

4 Votes Against	Survivors Voting Against Stephen			
				
3 Votes Against	Survivors Voting Against Coach			
				
1 Vote Against	Survivor Voting Against Carolina			
				